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KS-TRAIN 3.0 Platform Goes Live in September 28

by KS-TRAIN

Kansas TRAIN The new [Kansas TRAIN 3.0](https://www.train.org/ks/) platform will go live for Kansas learners September 28, at <https://www.train.org/ks/>. New enhancements to the TRAIN learning management system include mobile-friendly access, easy navigation, improved advanced course search, streamlined learning record management, video tutorials, and easy-to-understand documentation.

- The former URL address will take you to the new Kansas TRAIN for least six months.
- You will be able to access Classic TRAIN, the former Kansas TRAIN site, through the link at the top right-hand corner of the new Kansas TRAIN homepage.
- All of your learning records can be accessed at the new Your Learning link on the Kansas TRAIN navigation bar.

Kansas users who have Course Provider or Administrator rights can access your courses and user records through Classic TRAIN.

National Rural Health Day is November 16 - Nominate a Community Star

by Rubina Ranjit, Primary Care and Rural Health,
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



The National Organization of State Offices of Rural (NOSORH) sets aside the third Thursday of every November - November 16, 2017 - to celebrate National Rural Health Day. First and foremost, National Rural Health Day is an opportunity to "Celebrate the Power of Rural" by honoring the selfless, community-minded, "can do" spirit that prevails in rural America. But it also gives us a chance to bring to light the unique healthcare challenges that rural citizens face - and showcase the efforts of rural healthcare providers, State Offices of Rural Health and other rural stakeholders to address those challenges. To shine the light on people who are making a difference in rural health, NOSORH proudly presents "Community Stars", a collection of touching and impactful stories about the people who works with State Offices of Rural Health (SORH) across the nation. The annual "Community Stars" publication honors and gives a personal voice to rural people, providers, advocates, and communities across the country. These stories document just a few shining examples of service and dedication to the people who call rural America home. Click [here](#) to view Community Stars of 2016. Nominations are due by Friday, September 15, 2017. [Click here to nominate a "Star"!](#)

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September is National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month and this year's theme is "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can." The goal of National Preparedness Month is to increase the number of individuals, families, and communities that engage in preparedness actions at homes, workplaces, businesses, schools, and places of worship.

National Preparedness Month is divided into four weeks with focused themes for each:

- September 1-9: Make a Plan for Yourself, Family and Friends
- September 10-16: Plan to Help Your Neighbour and Community
- September 17-23: Practice and Build Out Your Plans
- September 24-30: Get Involved! Be a Part of Something Larger

Check out the Preparedness Corner on page 5 for special events and resources for National Preparedness Month. Information on how to get involved throughout the month is available [online](#).



Regional Public Health Meetings - 4th Quarter Topics Announced

by Teri Caudle, RN, PHN, Local Public Health Program
Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



The Regional Public Health Meetings are designed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities.

There is one meeting left in the third quarter of regional public health meetings. The final meeting of the third quarter will be held in Beloit on September 6. The agenda includes the following topics: the Kansas Heart Disease and Stroke Collaborative and the role of the local health department; the Kansas Department of Agriculture will speak on home based operations, fires, floods, power outages, emergency management and food disasters; syndromic surveillance and the ESSENCE system; and an update on the Medicaid Ombudsman Program and the Self Help Network of Kansas. Registration for the third quarter meetings on KS-TRAIN, Course ID #1071439.

The fourth quarter of 2017 regional public health meetings will offer a variety of useful information. Come with your thinking cap on and ready to discuss difficult nuisance situations that you have encountered. The agenda includes the following: the KDHE District Office Administrators will lead a discussion on Investigating Public Health Complaints and More; and Phil Griffin, KDHE Immunization Program Section Chief, will share updates, policies, and plans from the Immunization Program. Registration for the fourth quarter meetings will soon be available on KS-TRAIN.

The dates and locations for the fourth quarter meetings are:

- Southeast Region, Chanute, October 12
- South Central Region, Hutchinson, November 1
- Southwest Region, Garden City, November 8
- Northwest Region, Oakley, November 9
- North Central Region, Beloit, December 6
- Northeast Region, Topeka, December 12

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics or questions regarding the meetings, please contact Teri Caudle at teri.caudle@ks.gov.

KARP Workshop: Organizational Branding and Communication Strategies - September 27

by Jessica Fiscus, Project Manager, Center for Public Health Initiatives



The Kansas Accreditation Readiness Project (KARP) will hold the second in a series of PHAB pre-requisite Workshops on Wednesday, September 27 from 10:00 to 3:00pm at the Pine Street Health Services in Newton, KS. This workshop will focus on organizational branding and communication strategies. Attending health departments will leave with an organizational branding strategy template, and tools for planning communication efforts specific to their community. All past KARP participants and local health departments are invited to attend. Each agency may bring up to five staff members. Participants must register for the event by Wednesday, September 20 on KS-TRAIN, Course ID# 1072723. Please contact Jessica Fiscus with questions or concerns at 316-978-3790 or Jessica.Fiscus@wichita.edu.

KDHE Special Health Care Needs Program Hosts Fourth Round of Regional Meetings

by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Special Health Care Needs program is hosting regional meetings to engage agencies and organizations serving Kansas children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) and stakeholders; including parents, caregivers and individuals.

The focus of the meetings will be on developing a state plan that outlines future goals and strategies of the Special Health Care Needs program. The plan will work to strengthen collaboration, support systems integration and improve service delivery for CYSHCN.

The state plan is part of a two-year grant awarded to KDHE focusing on CYSHCN and their families. The primary objective of the grant is to support access for CYSHCN to receive services through an accessible, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate, culturally competent and family-centered medical home. This tour is the fourth round of regional meetings, with a distinct focus on Family Professional Partnerships and Insurance and Financing by the CYSHCN population.

Pre-registration is required for these meetings as space is limited. Meeting information and the online registration is available at www.kdheks.gov/shcn/meeting. Meetings will be held from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. on the dates listed below.

- September 7 - Wichita

To learn how you can participate, or for more information on the grant project or the regional meetings, please contact Heather Smith, Special Health Services Director, at 785-296-4747 or by email at heather.smith@ks.gov.

A detailed description of how the national standards were developed is available [online](#).

Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. The next webinar will be September 26. To view minutes from the monthly calls, click the KDHE logo.

Using Private Wells: A Drinking Water Safety Guide

by Tasha Stoiber, Environmental Working Group



Nearly one in seven Americans get their drinking water from private wells. Federal and state governments set legal limits for contaminants in public water systems, but those laws don't cover private wells. If you're one of the 44 million people relying on a private well for drinking water, here's what you should know and do to make sure your water is safe

Should I be worried about contamination in my well? In 2009 the U.S. Geological Survey released a report based on studies of [thousands of private domestic wells](#), finding that almost one-fourth contained contaminants at potentially harmful levels.

What contaminants are a concern in private wells? What are the health effects? Substances found in groundwater and surrounding mineral deposits include:

- Radioactive elements such as radium or uranium. Different types of radioactive elements are associated with different health effects, but all of them increase the risk of cancer.
- Metals. Arsenic, a known carcinogen, is commonly found in groundwater, particularly in the West, Midwest and Northeast. The U.S. Geological Survey found that nearly 7 percent of private wells across the country have levels of arsenic above legal limits.
- Fluoride. It occurs naturally in surface water and groundwater, and many public systems also add it to tap water. In 2015, the Public Health Service recommended no more than 0.7 milligrams of fluoride per liter of water.

Groundwater contaminants from human sources include:

- [Nitrate](#), a fertilizer chemical, which frequently contaminates drinking water due to agricultural and urban runoff, and discharges from municipal wastewater treatment plants and septic tanks.
- Toxic pesticides, which commonly migrate into groundwater in agricultural areas.
- Industrial products and wastes, which can contaminate groundwater from improper disposal, leaks from underground tanks, or leaching from landfills or waste dumps.
- [Lead](#) and [copper](#), which can leach from pipes and plumbing fixtures due to the presence of corrosive compounds such as acids in groundwater.
- Microbes such as bacteria, viruses and other parasites, which can contaminate wells from both natural and human-related activities.

For more information about the health effects of contaminants visit the [full article online](#).

How can I find out what contaminants are in my well? The only way is to have it tested by a certified laboratory. This [Environmental Protection Agency website](#) will help you find a certified lab in your state.

When should I have my water tested? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend regular mechanical maintenance and testing your well every spring. Regular testing is recommended because contaminant levels can change over time. You should also test your well:

- Before you use it for the first time.
- If someone in your household is pregnant or nursing.
- If there are known problems with well water in your area.
- If your household plumbing contains lead.
- If there has been flooding or other land disturbances in your area.
- After you repair any part of your well system.
- If you notice changes in the taste, color or odor of your water.

What should I do if contaminants are detected? Contact your local or state health department for more information and to discuss the test results. You can also compare your results to [EWG's Drinking Water Standards](#), which reflect the best and most current science about health risks of contaminants. [In-home water treatment](#) will remove some chemicals, but different types of devices remove different pollutants.

How can I keep my well safe?

- Have it tested annually. You don't know what's in the water if you don't test.
- Remain aware of potential sources of contamination near your well, such as livestock operations, septic tanks or fuel spills.
- Practice regular maintenance of your well. Look each month for cracking, corrosion or a missing well cap. Keep records of testing and maintenance.
- Hire a certified well driller for any new construction or modifications.
- After a flood, have your well inspected and cleaned by a professional. Do not turn on the pump until after inspection.

Where can I find additional resources?

- The [EPA's list](#) of state resources and programs.
- The [EPA's factsheet](#) "Drinking Water from Household Wells."
- The [CDC's](#) "Guide to Drinking Water Treatment Technologies for Household"

KDHE Preparedness Program Announces Staff Changes

by the Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



After working at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for 17 years, Michael McNulty has resigned and is leaving KDHE effective September 22. He has accepted an emergency response and prevention position with the federal government. His last actual day in the office will be Thursday, September 21. Catherine Byrd will be in the Interim KDHE Preparedness Director as of September 24.

For program questions, the general preparedness email address is KDHE.preparedness@ks.gov. Additionally, the Preparedness Staff contact list is available online at <http://www.kdheks.gov/cphp/staff.htm>

As more transition information is determined, KDHE will share that through this newsletter and other channels as well.

KDHE Local Public Health Program Welcomes New Staff

by the Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



Tyson Rensch is the new KS-TRAIN Coordinator with the Local Public Health Program. He will work with Debbie Nickels, the KS-TRAIN Administrator, to ensure technical assistance is available to partners throughout the state who utilize Kansas. He holds a Masters of Public Health degree from Benedictine University and obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Iowa. Tyson was an intern with the Local Public Health Program from May-July of this year. He grew up near Des Moines, Iowa, and spent the last 4 years living and working in Chicago before moving to Kansas.

Healthy People 2030 Open for Comment Until September 29

by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is soliciting written comments on the proposed framework for Healthy People 2030 developed by the [Secretary's Advisory Committee](#) on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030

(Committee). The framework refers to the Healthy People 2030 vision, mission, foundational principles, plan of action, and overarching goals that will guide the selection and prioritization of objectives for Healthy People 2030. Read the full Committee report [online](#).

Public comment is an essential part of developing Healthy People. Members of the public - including individuals, stakeholders, and organizations - are invited to provide comments on the Healthy People 2030 framework for consideration by HHS. This round of public comment will be open until September 29, 4:00p.m. For instructions on how to submit a comment, visit the HHS' [webpage](#).

KALHD Accepting Nominations for Public Health Awards for the KAC Conference

by KALHD



The Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD) is now accepting nominations for the Public Health awards to be presented at the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) annual conference award luncheon. Anyone may submit a nomination, and the deadline for nominations is September 15.

This is a great opportunity to highlight the importance of public health in front of an audience comprised of many members of Local Boards of Health. Awards are presented in three categories: Public Health Champion of the Year (this might be a public health official or a partner such as a county commissioner or other county official that has worked to support public health at the local level), the Local Health Department of the Year, and the Public Health County of the Year.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to promote local public health. If you have any questions about the awards or how to submit a nomination, please contact [Michelle Ponce](#).

The nomination forms can be accessed online: [Public Health Champion of the Year Form](#), [Local Health Department of the Year Form](#), and the [Public Health County of the Year Form](#).



Accreditation Corner

New Tool Available for Determining Essential Core Competencies for Public Health Jobs



Working to identify competencies for job descriptions or other workforce development activities? A [new tool](#) based on the [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#) is now available to help public health organizations identify high-priority competencies for positions within their organizations. The Core Competencies describe foundational skills desirable for professionals engaging in the practice, education, and research of public health, and for any given job, the critical competencies within the Core Competencies will vary depending on the responsibilities and activities of individuals in that position. This tool introduces a simplified form of the Core Competencies and a process for prioritizing competencies for [job descriptions](#), and includes worksheets and other resources for putting that process into practice. Additional information about the tool can also be found in the [archive of a recent webinar](#) that described the tool and featured a presentation from [Denver Public Health](#), sharing how they have used this process to identify essential Core Competencies for their organization and built upon this work to strengthen important skills within their workforce. For more information or assistance with this tool, please contact Kathleen Amos at kamos@phf.org.

Trust for America's Health Joins Council on Linkages to Discuss Support for the Governmental Public Health Workforce



The Council on Linkages' [Strategic Directions, 2016 - 2020](#) emphasizes the need to demonstrate the value of public health. As the environment in which public health operates evolves, it is important to consider potential challenges in this new environment and implications for the governmental public health workforce, as well as new strategies to enhance public health and communicate the value that public health offers. John Auerbach, MBA, President and CEO of Trust for America's Health, joined the Council on Linkages for this meeting to lead a discussion about the current public health environment, highlighting a shrinking and aging workforce, changing composition of the workforce and the work, funding uncertainty and a disconnect between causes of death and funding allocations, and actions to begin addressing these concerns.

Preparedness Corner

Webinar - Outbreak, Disaster, or other Emergency: Is Your Health Care Client Prepared? - September 12



In today's world of extreme weather events, active shooter incidents, and global disease outbreaks, healthcare institutions must be prepared to face the demands of unpredictable emergency situations. The American Health Law Association, in association with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is offering the first in a three-part webinar series about emergency preparedness inside and outside healthcare settings. The webinar will be held on September 12, 12 - 1:30 p.m. This webinar describes how hospitals and other health care organizations can prepare for outbreaks and disaster situations inside and outside of the health care setting. Speakers will discuss ways to utilize legal assessment, employee training, and professional agreements, such as memoranda of understanding, to prepare health care organizations to properly respond to emergency situations. In addition, speakers will provide lessons learned from Ebola and active shooter incident scenarios. Additional information and registration is available [online](#).

TRACIE Provides New Resources for Healthcare Coalitions



The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response's (ASPR's) Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) has collaborated with the ASPR National Healthcare Preparedness Program (NHPP) to develop tools and templates for healthcare coalitions (HCCs). These new resources will improve HCC preparedness efforts, decision making processes, and operational planning. While most ASPR TRACIE resources are applicable to HCCs and other stakeholders, a [new page](#) has been developed to highlight select tools and other HCC resources, including over fifty HCC plans and templates received by ASPR TRACIE and vetted through their Subject Matter Expert Cadre. New tools and templates will continue to be added as needed. An overview of the resources is available [online](#). View the [new page](#) with the tools and other HCC resources to access the plans, tools, and templates.

Don't Forget to Check Out the Ready Reader

READY READER

The Ready Reader is developed by a taskforce representing emergency preparedness professionals, regulators, and advocacy associations from Kansas concerned with promoting compliance with the new CMS Emergency Preparedness conditions. The newsletters are available at <http://www.kdheks.gov/cphp/providers.htm> and new issues become available on Tuesdays. To receive the newsletter directly when it is released, send an email with your email address to Michael McNulty at mike.mculty@ks.gov.

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Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. YOU CAN.

Resources for National Preparedness Month



- Take part in [America's PrepareAthon!](#), a national community-based campaign that moves individuals from awareness to action by preparing for relevant hazards through group discussions, drills, and innovative communications-related products.
- The [National Preparedness Month Social Media Toolkit](#) contains key marketing and preparedness messaging to print or share on your social media channels throughout the month of September and beyond.
- Learn how to [prepare for severe weather](#), [plan to evacuate](#), and [sign-up to receive important alerts](#) during an emergency.
- The American Red Cross offers a range of [health and safety classes](#) that teach new skills to make you knowledgeable and ready to respond in almost any emergency.
- Learn how to [build an emergency supply kit](#) of necessary supplies and [create a family communication plan](#) in case of an emergency.

HHS Reviews HIPAA Rules Following Hurricane Harvey



The HIPAA Privacy Rule "is not suspended during a public health or other emergency," but the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) secretary "may waive certain provisions of the Privacy Rule under the Project Bioshield Act of 2004 (PL 108-276) and section 1135(b)(7) of the Social Security Act," according to a bulletin released by HHS following Hurricane Harvey this month. The bulletin also cited situations in which sanctions and penalties could be waived by HHS during times of emergency. An overview of the bulletin can be found [here](#) or view the [HHSA bulletin](#) for further information.



Need Communication Tools on Emergency Preparedness?

Check out Fred the Preparedness Dog's website for activities, tools, and teaching materials. There are resources for [parents](#), [teachers](#) and [partners](#). Thanks, Fred, for your continuing work to keep Kansas prepared!

National Preparedness Month Webinars



- [CMS Emergency Preparedness Webinar: Introduction to the Rule](#) - This 90-minute webinar will provide an introduction to the newly published CMS standards related to non-hospital emergency management programs on September 6, 10 a.m. Discussion will include best practices for conducting risk assessment, developing emergency plans, and conducting exercises. [Register online](#) to attend.
- [Home Health Emergency Preparedness CoP Requirements: Getting Your Agency Ready](#) - Beginning November 2017, Medicare home health providers must meet new requirements designed to ensure that they have adequate policies and procedures and staff training in place for both natural and man-made disasters, including coordination with federal, state, tribal, regional, and local emergency preparedness systems. This webinar will include an in-depth discussion of the home health emergency preparedness requirements, including: overview of the emergency preparedness requirement; what surveyors will be looking for; and steps home health agencies should take to prepared. The webinar will be held on September 13, 1 p.m. [Register online](#) to participate.
- [When Seconds Count: Maximizing your Emergency Communications Response](#) - Join Campus Safety for a live webcast on maximizing your emergency communications response on September 21, 1 p.m. From keeping your students and faculty informed 24/7 to staying ahead of social media and how to best overcome challenges with technology and more, lessons learned from real life experts will be shared during this webcast. The webcast will feature an in-depth discussion and best practices on the following topics: how to keep your faculty, staff and students informed 24/7; how to determine the correct timing for notifications and keep in front of social media; and how to determine what technology and solutions are most effective. [Register online](#) for this webinar.

Kansas TRAIN

FUN FACT: In 2016, a preparedness course was taken, on average, every 7 1/2 minutes on the TRAIN Learning Network! Check out KS-TRAIN for an array of preparedness courses and live events.

Funding Opportunities



Scholarships for Healthcare Badges are Now Available - Deadline September 15

Enroll in a badge course by September 15 and receive a free 0.5 credit hour undergraduate badge course. Scholarships are limited to 1 per student

Wichita State University's online Badge courses are designed for busy professionals looking to increase their knowledge and gain new skills. Topic areas include Public Health and American Sign Language. For a complete listing of available courses visit: badges.wichita.edu/badgcatalog

What is the Badge Advantage?

- Badges are online so you can work from the comfort of your home.
- Students can earn college credit for successful completion of each badge.
- Coursework is divided into specific topic areas making the workload easier to manage and more affordable.
- Badges can be completed at your own pace.
- Professionals may be able to use time spent on badges as contact hours toward relicensure. Each Badge provides 7.5 CNEs.

Visit the badges.wichita.edu for more details. For questions, contact Keshia Ezerendu at 316-978-7579 or work-force@wichita.edu.

Many of the Badges can also be accessed through KS-TRAIN. See below for links to a number of the courses:

- WSU: HP 570BE, Care of Populations Badge: [Cultural Competency \(1061943\)](#)
- WSU: HP 570BA, Care of Populations Badge: [Public Health Science \(1059105\)](#)
- WSU: HP 570BB, Care of Populations Badge: [Leadership & Systems Thinking \(1061762\)](#)
- WSU: HP 570BC, Care of Populations Badge: [Financial Planning & Management \(1061764\)](#)
- WSU: HP 570BD, Care of Populations Badge: [Community Dimensions of Practice \(1061942\)](#)
- WSU: HP 570BF, Care of Populations Badge: [Policy Development & Program Planning \(1061939\)](#)

Lead Poisoning Prevention Catalytic Award Competition - Deadline September 30



The Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI), with support from the JPB Foundation, created the GHHI Lead Poisoning Prevention Catalytic Award. Decades after ending lead in paint, gasoline and other sources, lead poisoning remains one of the nation's most devastating environmental health threats, robbing children of their full potential. GHHI is committed to ending this tragedy once and for all.

It is GHHI's goal to recognize excellence in the field of lead poisoning prevention across the United States. GHHI is looking to make catalytic investments in programs that demonstrate excellence and best practices while working to achieve the eradication of lead exposure. GHHI also intends to use this opportunity to grow and strengthen the network of organizations dedicated to advancing the campaign to end lead poisoning nationwide.

There will be up to 5 awards and each award will be in two parts: a \$25,000 award and \$10,000 in Technical Assistance from GHHI in 1 of the categories (selected by the awardee): *Communications, Policy, Financing Strategies, Project Implementation, and Data.*

In order to apply, applicants must be a 501(c)3 non-profit organization (or have a valid fiscal agent) demonstrating exemplary leadership in lead poisoning prevention. Only one submission is admissible per applicant and current GHHI sites are ineligible to apply.

In addition to a proposal cover sheet and financial information, the application requests the following information:

- Description of the program and how it advances the Call to Action to End Lead Poisoning
- A case study from your locality that highlights successes and needs of the program
- Information on the following key points:
 - Need as demonstrated through data
 - Commitment to racial equity and inclusion
 - Partnerships that collaboration across sectors and populations
 - Demonstration of existing or potential for future local political/public will (e.g. letter from the mayor or presence of an active coalition)
- Identification of the Technical Assistance category the organization is seeking support for, what it hopes to achieve from the support and what the support will catalyze

Further information about this funding opportunity is available [online](#). Please contact Hannah Burke at hburke@ghhi.org with questions about the funding opportunity. Proposals must be submitted electronically to [Hannah Burke](#) by September 30.

Kansas TRAIN

Coming September 28, 2017
Kansas TRAIN 3.0

New URL: <http://www.train.org/ks/>
To Learn More [Click Here!](#)



Kansas Health Foundation - Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative

The Kansas Health Foundation is now receiving proposals for the Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative. This funding opportunity replaces the previously existing Recognition Grant Program and is designed to make funds available to a range of mission-aligned organizations actively working to reduce health disparities and promote health equity. The Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative is focused on two categories - impact grants which work in key health impact areas or capacity-building grants to build nonprofit capacity to address health disparities. This is an open application process with applications accepted through September 15, 2017, or until all 2017 funds are awarded.

All prospective applicants should carefully review the mission and strategic focus of Kansas Health Foundation (KHF), as well as the funding criteria before applying; this information is available in the [request for proposals](#) (RFP). All funding proposals are required to align with the mission of KHF, such as work supporting KHF's five impact areas of:

- Increasing access to health care
- Decreasing tobacco use
- Increasing physical activity
- Increasing healthy food access
- Improving civic health

As it relates to proposals for the impact grants, preference is given to proposals describing a health policy, systems or environmental-focused effort which demonstrates the opportunity to address health disparities in one or more of KHF's five impact areas which adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health. Available funding is designated to support new efforts and may not be used for long-term, ongoing or recurring programmatic efforts.

For the capacity building grants, preference will be given to proposals for non-recurring internal capacity building needs for organizations addressing health disparities which adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health based on characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion. This track is open to all mission-aligned organizations actively working to reduce health disparities and promote health equity and is not limited to KHF's five impact areas.

The maximum grant size is \$25,000, and the maximum grant term is two years. In order to be eligible, 50 percent or more of the organization's target population must reside in Kansas. Please note that only one proposal from each organization will be accepted per year. Further information on the funding opportunity, including funding exclusions and criteria for consideration are outlined in the [RFP](#). Additional information about the funding opportunity, including the instructions, templates and the RFP is available [online](#). Please submit any questions regarding the Impact and Capacity Grants Initiative RFP via e-mail, with the subject "Impact and Capacity Grants Question," to Blair Weibert, Program Assistant, at bweibert@khf.org.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize - Deadline November 3

Culture of Health Prize



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2018 Culture of Health Prize [call for applications](#) is now open. The Culture of Health Prize is an annual competition honoring communities that have placed a priority on health and are creating powerful partnerships and deep commitments to provide everyone with the opportunity to live well. A Culture of Health recognizes that health and well-being are greatly influenced by where we live, learn, work, and play; the safety of our surroundings; and the relationships we have in our families and communities. The Prize elevates the compelling stories of local leaders and community members who together are transforming neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and more - so that better health flourishes everywhere. Prize communities will receive \$25,000, have the opportunity to share their story and lessons learned with the country, and join a national network of past winning communities.

Applications will be based on the following criteria:

- Defining health in the broadest possible terms.
- Committing to sustainable systems changes and policy-oriented long-term solutions.
- Creating conditions that give everyone a fair and just opportunity to reach their best possible health.
- Harnessing the collective power of leaders, partners, and community members.
- Securing and making the most of available resources.
- Measuring and sharing progress and results.

More information about the selection criteria, the application, and eligibility requirements can be found [online](#). Before applying applicants must review a [sample application](#); the [Funding Opportunity Brochure](#); and [Frequently Asked Questions](#). If interested in learning more, [register](#) for an informational webinar will be held on September 20, 2:00 p.m. The deadline for applications is November 3.

2017 Schedule Meetings and Conferences Impacting Local Public Health Agencies

[Click Here](#) to Access the Calendar

Training and Conference Announcements

Webinar - Supporting Families Affected by Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders - September 6



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) and the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau invite you to join a webinar focused on supporting families affected by substance use disorders. The webinar will provide:

- Current data on the opioid crisis and child welfare services
- Information on the changes made to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) through the passage of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act and Plan of Safe Care Provision
- Strategies for strengthening collaboration between systems working with pregnant women with opioid and other substance use disorders
- Lessons learned and best practices from the Substance Exposed Infants In-Depth Technical Assistance program and Policy Academy for addressing prenatal substance exposure.

The webinar will be held on September 6, 12 - 1:30 p.m. Register [online](#) for the webinar.

Webinar - Reflecting on the Arkansas Mumps Outbreak - September 12



Join the National Association of County & City Health Officials on September 12, 11 a.m. for a webinar on the Arkansas mumps outbreak which began in August 2016, to hear about the circumstances of the outbreak, the social challenges involved, and the strategies for response. Register [online](#) to participate.

Webinar - Tackling Poverty in Rural Communities - September 12



Imagine a community where every person can decide who they want to be "when they grow up"...a chef, doctor, electrician, entrepreneur, homemaker, lawyer? What would it look like if every child had self-determination? Join this webinar on September 12, 2 p.m., to hear how Weber County, Utah, is working together on an Intergenerational Poverty Initiative to influence policy and programming to create a community where all children have self-determination. Learn about their systems change focused approach based on what they've determined are the four pillars of self-determination: Health and Well-Being, Access, Resiliency and Dignity through mentors and role models. Register for the webinar [online](#).

Webinar - Cancer Burden Among African Immigrants - September 14



The Office of Minority Health Resource Center is partnering with Howard University to offer a webinar on the current concepts of cancer burden among African Immigrants in the United States on September 14, 1 p.m. This webinar will provide an overview of the genetic basis and the environmental exposures that cause cancer. It will describe the types of cancers which disproportionately affect African Immigrants and present scientific findings to demonstrate why prevention and early detection of cancer must be an ultimate goal. Register the webinar [online](#).

Rural Health Grants Webinar Series - Understanding the How, the Where, the Resources - September 19



The Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Regional Operations - Kansas City, invites you to a Rural Health Grants Webinar Series: Understanding the How, the Where, the Resources. The goal of this free webinar series is to educate potential applications about HRSA programs and resources, the federal grant application process, federal and state funding opportunities, as well as important tips, resources, and training opportunities to drive a successful grant application. The series will include the following webinars:

- Creating a Competitive Proposal - September 19, 9:30 -- 11 a.m.

To register for any of these sessions click here. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Richard Overcast at 816-426-5227 or ROvercast@hrsa.gov.

Research Update on the DASH Dietary Pattern



Midwest Dairy Council is excited to share a video presentation of the [Research Update on the DASH Dietary Pattern](#). The Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) dietary eating pattern, which emphasizes low-fat and non-fat dairy products, fruits, vegetables, and whole grains is one of the most widely prescribed dietary modifications for reducing blood pressure and cardiovascular disease risk.

Ronald M. Krauss, MD, senior scientist and director of atherosclerosis research at Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute, presented the latest research that supports the [DASH Eating Plan](#) as a tool for the prevention of a variety of health conditions, with a specific focus on key food components. In this video Dr. Krauss, reviewed research on the modification of the DASH diet to allow for more liberal total and saturated fat intake, in conjunction with moderate carbohydrate intake resulting in similar benefits to blood pressure and no deleterious effects on lipid risk factors. Becky Schaffer, MS, RDN, LD, Clinical Dietitian at the Mayo Clinic working in the Division of Endocrinology with a focus on hypertension and nephrology will provide guidance on translating the DASH diet into real-life situations for dietitians and other health professionals. View the webinar [online](#). The slide deck for this webinar is available for [download](#). Continuing education credit is available for registered dietitians and physicians.

Webinar - Why Sustainability Matters for Your Customers, Consumers and the Dairy Community - September 19



The U.S. dairy community supports socially responsible, economically viable and environmentally sound dairy food systems that promote the health and well-being for your consumers, your businesses, our communities, the cows and our planet. Midwest Dairy invites you to participate in a virtual online farm tour of three Midwestern dairy farms from the comfort of your office. During the tour, you'll see unique examples of how three dairy farm families are integrating different farming practices to meet this sustainability commitment. Each farm has been honored as an Outstanding

Dairy Farm in Sustainability by the Innovation Center on U.S. Dairy.

- Jerry Jennissen from Jer-Lindy Farms and Alise Sjoström from Redhead Creamery, in Brooten, Minnesota, were forward-thinking when they decided to add a creamery to make artisan cheese as part of their 200-cow dairy. By using milk transported directly from the milking parlor to the cheese making area, they reduced transportation and energy costs.
- Suzanne and Brad Vold of Dorrich Dairy in Glenwood, Minnesota, employs a unique method of using wasp larvae to control the farm's fly population, improving cow comfort, minimizing the use of pesticides and reducing the farm's impact on the environment.
- Dan Rice and his family from Prairieland Dairy in Firth, Nebraska, implement many sustainable practices, including a successful composting operation that combines the manure their cows produce along with compostable trash from area landfills, creating Prairieland Gold.

Midwest Dairy will share resources you can use in your communication channels about dairy farmers' proactive commitment to sustainability. These will include:

- Details about a sustainability communications toolkit with recommended social posts, blogs and images
- Access to videos and online stories that showcase additional dairy farmer sustainability success stories
- Links to additional industry resources available to share sustainability examples

This webinar will be recorded. After [registering](#), you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Webinar - The Cost of Health Literacy - September 20



Do you want to know more about practical tools and evidence based practices for culturally and linguistically appropriate communication? This information will be covered in an upcoming webinar hosted by the Region IV Public Health Training Center on September 20, 12 - 1 p.m. Although health literacy has gained much-needed attention over the past decade, an alarming number of American adults continue to report a poor understanding of healthcare information. It is important that everyone working in health care, from front-desk staff to primary care providers, have a thorough understanding of the complexity of health literacy and the impact limited health literacy has on patient outcomes and health care costs. This program provides an introduction to health literacy and how it contributes to increased health care cost. The program will also discuss ways to identify patients at risk for low health literacy as well as practical tools professionals can use to improve provider-patient communication. For more information, view the [flyer](#). Registration is available [online](#).

2017 Kansas Public Health Association Conference - October 10 - 11



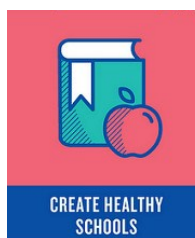
The 74th Annual Kansas Public Health Association Conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Manhattan, October 10 - October 11. Conference sessions will focus on many public health issues important to Kansas, including the theme, "*KPHA 2017: It's Time to Activate*". Keynote presenters will include Michael Kobernick, MD, MS, CPE, Chief Medical Officer, SmartHealth; Alan Gilbert, JD, Director, Global Government and NGO Strategy, healthymagination, GE; and a panel presenting on "A Journey to Population Health and Value Based Care". For more information visit the conference [website](#). View the [brochure online](#) for additional information about the conference including breakout sessions, poster presentations, and more. Registration is available [online](#). Register by September 15 for the early bird registration rate.

Registration Open for 2017 Heartland Conference in Overland Park - October 17 - 18



Registration is now open for the 2017 Heartland Conference on Health Equity and Patient Centered Care. The Heartland Health Conference on Health Equity and Patient-Centered Care (formerly called the Partnering for Health conference) will feature two days of programs and strategies that address health equity and social justice in population health and health care. The conference will highlight partnerships and collaborations, and will provide opportunities to share innovations in community engagement, primary care, patient centered care, community health work and public health. Continuing education units are available to attendees. The Conference will take place on October 17 - 18, in Overland Park. Information about the conference including how to register is available [online](#).

CDC Offers Training Tools for Healthy Schools



Many schools are back in session. Training Tools for Healthy Schools provides school staff, public health professionals, and parents with tools for creating a healthy school environment that promotes academic success. Three of the four modules in this series offer free continuing education credit for nurses. Modules cover how to develop a comprehensive school physical activity program, promote healthy eating and physical activity, implement the School Health Index, and get parents involved.

- [Training Tools for Healthy Schools: Module 1: School Health Guidelines to Promote Healthy Eating and Physical Activity \(Web Based\)](#) - WB2613, Course ID# 1060649
- [Training Tools for Healthy Schools: Module 2: School Health Index: A Self-Assessment and Planning Guide \(Web Based\)](#) - WB2614, Course ID# 1060628
- [Training Tools for Healthy Schools: Module 3: Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program: A Guide for Schools \(Web Based\)](#) - WB2615, Course ID# 1060636
- [Training Tools for Healthy Schools: Module 4: Parents for Healthy Schools](#), Course ID# 1071633

New HIPAA Modules on Kansas TRAIN

Kansas TRAIN The Kansas TRAIN staff at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment are pleased to announce the addition of three new HIPAA modules to Kansas TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org> (or <https://www.train.org/ks/> on September 28). Based in part on scenarios developed by the Kansas Department of Children and Families, this updated and expanded module series highlights current HIPAA regulations and is tailored for the Kansas public health and healthcare workforce. We recommend the modules for new employees, employees who have not had HIPAA training in the past or as a refresher course. The modules must be completed in order and will take approximately 20 minutes per module.

Users of these materials should consult with your supervisor and/or HIPAA Compliance Officer who is familiar with HIPAA requirements and can respond to specific questions or provide interpretations.

[HIPAA Awareness - Module 1 \(1047429\)](#) - After completing this course, you will be able to:

- Explain the source of HIPAA
- Identify two HIPAA rules
- Indicate two on-site HIPAA information sources
- Identify two violation consequences

[HIPAA: Allowable Disclosures and Safeguards - Module 2 \(1072478\)](#) - After completing this course, you will be able to:

- Define minimum necessary applicable to job and determine correct actions
- Differentiate exempt disclosures from non-exempt Protected Health Information and determine correct actions
- Determine correct action related to incidental disclosure
- Determine possible PHI and how to safeguard it
- Respond correctly to information transmission format scenarios
- Locate a resource for further information

[HIPAA: Right to Access and Documentation - Module 3 \(1072486\)](#) - After completing this course, you will be able to:

- Recognize that your organization has HIPAA forms
- Recognize your organization has a compliance officer
- Demonstrate concept mastery through scenario decision making
- Locate resources for further information

Online Learning Course: The People, Power, and Pride of Public Health

NACCHO Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, in collaboration with the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), announced a new [online course](#) this week to inspire people from all backgrounds about the field of public health.

[The People, Power, and Pride of Public Health](#) provides an engaging overview of the incredible accomplishments and promise of the public health field. The class is organized into three modules:

- The first module includes interviews with legendary public health figures whose work led to millions of lives saved with vaccines, air bags and car seats, and the federal Women Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program. It also includes an interview with ASTHO Executive Director Michael Fraser about the history of state health agencies.
- The second module brings key public health tools to life — including use of data, communications, and policy — through discussions with experienced professionals who have used these tools to save lives.
- The third module includes a “Carpool Karaoke”-style trip through Baltimore County, Maryland with NACCHO President Dr. Umair Shah to see and hear real public health workers talking about how they serve their communities.

The modules, which can be seen in order or separately, can be used during orientation sessions or for enrichment for workers of all kinds at Health Departments. The course aims to connect local and state health department staff to the grand tradition - and to the exciting present - of action in public health. It is free to take, and there is an option to receive a certificate at the end for a small charge. Access the course [online](#) today.

Webinar - Maternal Health in Crisis: Ensuring Nationwide Access to Maternity Care Providers



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The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) and the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation have made available a recording of a recent webinar. The webinar examined the factors behind maternity care provider shortages and shared examples of efforts to address them, such as providing financial incentives to bring more providers to rural and underserved areas and implementing team-based care models that include non-physician health care professionals. View a recording of the webinar [online](#).

Health Communication Matters! Webinar Series



Ongoing webinar series to help participants in all walks of public health apply techniques to communicate effectively with consumers, health professionals, disenfranchised communities, and public health peers. The site also contains links to archived videos, slides, and resources.

Past webinars include:

- The Opioid Crisis: Innovative Health Communication Strategies
- Raising Community Voices: The Power of Storytelling in Public Health
- The Power of Storytelling for Health Promotion
- What's Your Peer Crowd? Identifying Your Audience and Health Messages That Resonate
- The Challenge of Numeracy: Why Simply Providing Data is not Enough
- Local Health Departments and Health Literacy Implementation: Nebraska's Experience

If you have questions about the series, e-mail Lisa Peterson, Program Manager, Center for Public Health Practice & Leadership, at lisapeterson@berkeley.edu.

Core Curriculum on Chronic Pain Now Available on KS-TRAIN



The Public Health Foundation has recently posted a great core curriculum of courses on treating chronic pain from the Providers' Clinical Support System (PCSS-O) on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. You can find all 13 courses [here](#). Below is some additional background information about these courses from PCSS-O. PCSS-O clinical experts, led by Roger Chou, MD, FACP and Melissa B. Weimer, DO, MCR, who have extensive knowledge in treating chronic pain, have developed a [comprehensive core curriculum](#) for primary care providers who want to have in-depth knowledge in treating chronic pain. The modules that make up the curriculum give up-to-date and evidence-based information on best opioid prescribing practices.

These courses provide clinicians with a solid base for treating chronic pain. The curriculum was created in an effort to consolidate the vast amount of information available to clinicians into a course that provides information, resources, and knowledge clinicians need to treat their patients who suffer from chronic pain, including non-pharmacological treatments. The result is the most comprehensive and up-to-date curriculum developed thus far for the treatment of chronic pain.

Participants will receive a certificate of completion following each completed module and a final certificate when all modules have been completed. Each module, except the Overview module, is designated for 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™]. Funding for this initiative was made possible, in part, by grant no. 5H79TI025595-03 from SAMHSA. The views expressed in written conference materials or publications and by speakers and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of the Department of Health and Human Services; nor does mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.

News and Resources

Resource - Preventing Suicide: A Technical Package of Policy, Programs, and Practices



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had developed a technical package to help communities and states develop and implement suicide prevention programs, packages, and practices based on the best available evidence. Download the full technical package [online](#).

Resource: Guide to HPV Resources for Local Health Departments



The National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) has made available an updated edition of their Guide to Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Resources for Local Health Departments. This guide features resources to assist local health departments (LHDs) in their HPV initiative planning and overall efforts to increase HPV vaccination rates in their jurisdictions. LHDs can use the collection of print materials, audio/video communications, guidance documents, and other tools to increase awareness and knowledge of the HPV vaccine, share strategies with healthcare providers for talking with parents and increasing HPV vaccination rates within their practice, and learn more about the HPV work of immunization coalitions across the country. The updated guide also highlights resources developed by the LHDs that participated in NACCHO's HPV Demonstration Site Project. [Download the updated guide](#) and contact [NACCHO's Immunization Team](#) with questions.

Lowering Nicotine Levels, Use of E-Cigarettes and Raising Cigarette Prices Associated With Smoking Cessation



The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have waged a war against smoking and now new steps are in place to help quitters go ahead and stop smoking. One of the proposals is to [lower nicotine content in cigarettes](#).

Learning More About Clinical Depression with the PHQ-9 Questionnaire Google App



Clinical depression is a very common condition - in fact, approximately one in five Americans experience an episode in their lifetime. However, despite its prevalence, only about 50 percent of people who suffer from depression actually receive treatment. To help raise awareness of this condition, the National Alliance on Mental Illness teamed up with Google to help provide more direct access to tools and information to people who may be suffering. Now when you search for clinical depression on Google on mobile, you'll see a [Knowledge Panel](#) that will give you the option to tap check if you're clinically depressed, which will bring you to PHQ-9, a clinically validated screening questionnaire to test what your likely level of depression may be.

The State of Obesity Report Released



The bad news: [Obesity](#) remains a public health epidemic in this country. The good news: Adult obesity rates appear to be leveling off, though the progress won't necessarily last forever. More good news: Kansas was the only state to have a decrease in adult obesity rates.

Why did Kansas in particular see a decrease? Dr. Don Schwarz, the vice president of program at Robert Wood, said on a conference call it's always hard to say why a rate goes up and down over the course of a year, but that Kansas has worked with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on obesity prevention efforts. The state has a program called WorkWell Kansas that tries to help businesses and other employers with workplace health, and a governor's council on fitness that's been around since 2006. That kind of collaborative work is important, [according to Schwarz](#). View the State of Obesity [website](#) for the state obesity data, policies to prevent obesity, and more.

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- [RN \(Maternal and Child Health/Immunizations\)](#)

Franklin County Health Department

- [Registered Nurse](#)

Geary County Health Department

- [WIC Assistant](#)

Harvey County Health Department

- [Community Health Nurse](#)

Reno County Health Department

- [Woman's Health Supervisor](#)

Pottawatomie County Health Department

- [Medical Secretary](#)
- [Public Health RN \(LPN considered\)](#)

Riley County Health Department

- [Public Health Nurse - Maternal and Infant Program](#)
- [Environmental Health Specialist](#)

Saline County Health Department

- [Home Health Registered Nurse](#)

Sedgwick County Health Department

- [Immunization Clinic Nurse I](#)
- [Immunization Service Coordinator](#)
- [Bi-lingual Healthy Babies Community Liaison](#)



Career opportunities at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment can be found [here](#).

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